

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Middleton Parish Church School

### Reading

This half term in reading, children will read a variety of different texts to answer word choice comprehension questions.

### Writing

In writing, we will be using our knowledge of rivers from Geography to write a setting description and a poem using a variety of Year 4 grammar features such as apostrophes for possession.



### Homework

Each week, your child will be set spelling and times table challenges. These are sent home in their homework book. Please ensure your child practices these at home alongside their daily reading. Reading should be logged onto go read by parents or themselves. Times table challenges are also set on the TTRockstars website alongside weekly competitions. It is important that the children learn all their tables this year using instant recall. They are assessed at the end of the year as part of a government statutory test known as the Multiplication Check.

### Science

Our science topic this term is 'Electricity.' We will be learning about appliances that run off electricity, how to construct a circuit and identifying conductors and insulators.



### Reading

#### Class Novel

This half term we will be reading 'How to train your dragon'

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, the quiet and thoughtful son of the Chief of the Hairy Hooligans, tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan by catching and training a dragon. Can Hiccup do it without being torn limb from limb?

#### Reading Books and GORead!

Our new class libraries have been set and are ready to go for the year ahead and all children should now have a reading book.

Should children have a home reading book they would like to read, please send it into school for teachers to check it provides enough challenge to support progression in reading – teachers will then add this book to GORead.

Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week. We ask that children read at home daily.

All reading should be recorded on GORead in order for children to earn maximum gems! Problem words/new vocabulary can be added on go read alongside in vocabulary books.



### Contacting Us

If you need to talk to contact a member of the year 4 team please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is

[year4@middletonparishcse.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:year4@middletonparishcse.rochdale.sch.uk)

Please note that although we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible, it may take up to five working days.

### Important Dates

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Individual pupil photos

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November -Year 4 assembly.

4S 9.am

4L 9.30

Parents will be invited into the hall for the assembly.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Class clinic

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Cracker Cafe

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm finish for Christmas

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### Geography

In Geography, our focus question is, 'what happens to water after it rains?' Children will be exploring the water cycle, identifying key features of rivers and exploring how rivers shape the land.

### P.E and Forest School

P.E and Forest School will be on a Friday for Year 4. Children should ensure they wear the correct outdoor uniform on a Friday. The children will need a light waterproof jacket with a hood.

### PSHE

Our Heart Smart topic is

'Don't Forget To Let Love In.'

In this topic, we are thinking about how important, valued and loved we are, and how we can show that love to others, too.



### Religious Education

In R.E, we are looking at the topic 'Christmas - exploring the symbolism of light'. Children will create light metaphors for Jesus that show understanding of Jesus' actions and divinity. They will also ask important and relevant questions about religious experiences and beliefs.



### Maths

In maths this half term, children will be looking at formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will learn at how to answer these questions in an arithmetic style and how to pull them apart using 'what do you notice' and 'what do we know' in order to answer reasoning questions.

